



News Digest

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College of Computing and Informatics Dean Announcement

FATMA MILI IS NEW DEAN OF COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

The UNC Charlotte community is pleased to welcome Dr. Fatma Mili as Dean of the College of Computing and Informatics beginning August 1, 2017. Dr. Mili joins us from Purdue University where she is the Founder and Director of the TransSTEM (Center for Trans-institutional Capacity Building and Educational Equity in STEM) at the Purdue Discovery Park, and Professor of Computer and Information Technology.

As Provost Joan Lorden stated, “We live in a digital world. UNC Charlotte has sought a collaborative leader who can help us envision and address the present and future needs of all our students, continue to build our innovative and interdisciplinary research programs, and engage with our partners to address pressing community needs. We believe that we have found that leader in Dr. Mili.”

Dr. Mili has extensive experience in successfully driving progressive forces of change and transformation in computing. She founded the Purdue Polytechnic Institute, an academic educational research institute to foster modern, transdisciplinary education; created an International Network for Higher Education Institutional Transformation and secured initial funding for a network that consists of teams of faculty and administrators from 21 institutions; initiated a Purdue-wide project developing faculty capacity in diversity and equity; and spearheaded new curricular innovations including an undergraduate trans-disciplinary minor focused on raising students’ awareness of grand challenges and equipping them with the mindset to address them, and two graduate courses integrating technological topics with a reflection on the future and technology.

Since graduating with a PhD in Computer Science in 1984 from Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris, France, Mili has been fully immersed in the academic enterprise and has experienced it in all its facets – teaching, research, service, administration, leadership, innovation, and advocacy. UNC Charlotte looks forward to Dr. Mili’s leadership in shaping and realizing the next decade of the College of Computing and Informatics with the college’s faculty, students, and staff to embrace the future, commit to UNC Charlotte’s vision and values, and contribute to the next phase of our burgeoning Urban Research University.

Invitation for Faculty to March in New Student Convocation 2017

We are excited to continue the new tradition of our Day of Convocation. All faculty members are invited to participate in the festivities on Monday, August 21, 2017. Wearing regalia, faculty will report to the faculty line-up area at 10:30

a.m., which will be located on the concourse level of the Halton Arena. Directional signs will be posted as you enter the building. The program will run about an hour and will be completed by noon.

To participate in the faculty procession, please [RSVP](#). If you do not own regalia and would like to rent, your rental orders are due by Monday, July 24. Please visit <http://studentconvocation.uncc.edu/faculty> for instructions on how to place your rental order. For additional details and updates, please visit the [New Student Convocation webpage](#).

North Carolina Honors Association Conference

The Honors College will host the North Carolina Honors Association Conference (NCHA) on Friday and Saturday, September 29-30, 2017. The theme for the conference is "[Crossing Borders and Building Bridges](#)". Featured activities will include undergraduate research presentations and posters, City as Text™ in uptown Charlotte, a welcome dinner, a transfer summit, honors research awards with cash prizes, and more! See the conference [website](#) to learn more.

2016-2017 International Education Faculty Awardee: Dr. Michèle Bissière

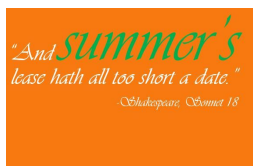


For the past 22 years, the Office of International Programs, in partnership with the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars Mu Chapter, has awarded one faculty member for his/her excellence in promoting international education at UNC Charlotte. OIP is delighted to share that Dr. Michèle Bissière, Associate Professor of French in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Department of Languages and Culture Studies, is the 2016-2017 recipient.

Dr. Bissière excels in each element of scholarly engagement to promote international education: She has taught over twenty (20) different courses in French language, literature, and culture; extensively researched and published regarding French literature and French Film; designed and implemented study abroad engagement opportunities for UNC Charlotte; organized 10 French and International Film festivals for UNC Charlotte and the city; and served in regional and local leadership to promote international education, such as with the American Association of Teachers of French—the largest association of French teachers in the world.

Please join OIP in congratulating Dr. Bissière! Images of the awards program are on the [OIP Flickr site](#). Consider submitting for the 2017-2018 International Education Faculty Award. Details about the award are available on the [OIP website](#).

Summer Technology Updates from ITS



Here are a [few reminders and announcements](#) about your technology as many prepare to leave for summer projects and other endeavors.

...and you know May 15 (today!) means Moodle, Turnitin & Saba Meeting retire, right?

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

This workshop will introduce faculty/staff to Poll Everywhere, and how to use the student response software in classroom and other learning spaces.

- Thursday, May 18, 1:30 – 3:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Monday, May 22, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Making the Move to Canvas

This two-hour, hands-on intensive workshop provides you with the perfect jumpstart to transition to Canvas.

- Wednesday, May 17, 9:00 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

WebEx Part I: Using WebEx in Canvas

In this workshop, you will learn how to enable WebEx in Canvas, schedule WebEx sessions within your course, as well as best practices for managing your WebEx recordings.

- Tuesday, May 16, 9:00 – 10:00 AM ([Register](#))

WebEx Part II: Leading a Class

In this workshop, you'll learn how to lead interactive classes, use tools like desktop sharing, whiteboard, polls and breakout rooms, and record class sessions.

- Thursday, May 18, 2:00 – 3:00 PM ([Register](#))

Belk Gym Preview and Summer Instructional Programs

Belk Gym Preview - Free Use of Facilities

All faculty and staff are invited to try out the fitness and recreation areas in the [Belk Gym](#) for free during Interim Week, Monday, May 15 through Sunday, May 21. Faculty/Staff must bring their UNC Charlotte ID and present it at the check-in location at Belk Gym for the free preview/use of the facilities. The Belk Gym features a fitness center, cycling & group fitness studios, basketball & racquetball courts, a swimming pool, and locker rooms (towel service at the front check-in desk). So pack your workout clothes and join Rec Services for a free week of recreation.

- Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday, May 20, 12:00 – 5:00 PM
- Sunday, May 21, 12:00 – 8:00 PM

For more information about memberships visit our [membership page](#).

Swing Into Summer Programs

Recreational Services has a new program this summer. They are offering small group Tennis and Golf lessons as well as a Couch to 5K program. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to register. For more information, visit the [Swing into Summer webpage](#).

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely.

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

- July 13 [International Coffee Hour](#)
 - Aug 17 [University Convocation](#)
 - Aug 21 [New Student Convocation](#)
 - Sep 29-30 [North Carolina Honors Association \(NCHA\) Conference](#)
 - Oct 14 [42nd Annual International Festival](#)
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